AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS

Large Increase in Earnings of Indiana Lines in 1890 Over Previous Years.

Victory for the Monon in Its Suit Against the Louisville & Nashville-Ruling Against the Atchison-The Bridge Trouble.

Reports of earnings of roads crossing Indiana are beginning to come in, and are of a highly gratifying character. P. A. Hewitt, auditor of the Big Four lines, is in the city. He says the Big Four lines, not including the earnings of the Peoria division, earned in December, in round numbers, \$1,200,000, being the largest earnings of any month in the history of the roads which are in the consolidation.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago earned in December \$221,690; increase over 1889, \$26,394. This brings the earnings of the year 1890 up to \$2,665,741; increase over 1889, \$159,918. The increase of December in freight earnings was \$22,390; in passenger

earnings, \$3,904.
The officials of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Quincy, formerly the I., D. & W., are greatly pleased over the result of the opergreatly pleased over the result of the operation of the road for 1890, the gross earnings reaching a larger amount than in any year since the road was opened for business, 1887 excepted. December was the best month of the year, the earnings being \$48,-832.60, against \$41,848.92 in the corresponding month of 1889. The total earnings for 1890 were \$460,392.27. Of this sum \$372.072.91 was for transportation of freights. During the year quite a handsome sum was expended in putting new cross-ties under the track and betterments to bridges. The entire road is laid with heavy steel rail, most of which was put in the track within the last two years. The new year begins with the road under favorable conditions. There is still a large quantity of corn on the line to be shipped, and immense quantities of lumber and timber in the rough are being got out and placed on the line of the road

The four Mackey lines show a handsome increase in earnings for December, aggregating \$53,424. Of this increase \$2,224 was made by the Evansville & Indianapolis, \$7,978 by the Evansville & Terre Haute, \$11,846 by the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville and \$31,876 by the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis.

The Monon Wins au Important Suit.

In the case of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago against the Louisville Southern road, which came up in the United States Court at Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, before Judge H. E. Jackson, the Monon gained a decisive victory. The Louisville Southern had been leased to the L., N. A. & C., and the officials of the former claimed that the Monon failed to carry out the provisions of its lease. On the memorable night of March 27, of last year, when Louisville was visited by the cyclone, the Louisville Southern people took possession of the road and cut off the Monon connection at Fourteenth street. The Monon afterward filed a suit to have a receiver appointed, but, on the ground that local prejudice existed against the L., N. A. & C., the case was transferred to Nashville. The decision calls for the appointment of a receiver unless the Louisville Southern people contrive to furnish a quarter of a million dollars indemnity

President W. L. Breyfogle, of the Louis-ille, New Albany & Chicago road, said at Chicago yesterday, that he was not yet ready to state whether his road would re-sume the operation of the Louisville South-He had not seen a copy of Judge Jackson's decision ruling that the Monon's lease of the Louisville Southern was valid, and until he had read and considered it he could not say what action his company would take in the premises, Under the decision the Monon can resume the operation of the Louisville Southern if it so desires, and the latter road must file a bond for \$250,000 to indemnify the Monon for its forcible seizure of the property or go into the hands of a receiver.

Another Ruling Against the Atchison.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road has received another slap from the Western Passenger Association. A short time ago it was ordered by Chairman Finley to report statistics of its transcontinental business, as well those of the business embraced wholly within the territory of the association. This the Atchison people declined to do, contending that they were not required by the agreement to report their Pacific coast traffic to Mr. Finley, as such traffic was reported regularly to the Transcontinental Association, of which the Atchison is a member. Mr. Finley insisted that transcontinental business between Chicago and the Missouri river at least was within his jurisdiction and must be included in the monthly statistics. The Atchison appealed from the chairman's decision, and yesterday the matter was submitted to a vote of the association, which unanimously sustained Chairman Finley in his ruling. The Atchison officials are much dissatisfied, and, it is understood, will demand a settlement of the question by arbitration, as they points \$2, taking effect Feb. 1.

The Omaha Bridge Fight. General Manager St. John, of the Rock Island, received a telegram yesterday from Assistant General Manager Allen, at Omaha, to the effect that no further attempts had been made to cross the Union Pacific bridge with Rock Island trains, and the aspect of affairs remained unchanged. It is generally believed at Chicago that the officials of the road at Omaha have been advised from New York to make no further move in the matter at present, which would indicate that attempts are being made by President Cable and President Miller to reach an understanding with Jay Gould. Predictions are made that the parties in interest will agree to a new contract providing a greater compensation to the Union Pacific for the use of its bridge, and giving less latitude to the Rock Island in the matter of track privileges and transcontinental competition by way of Omaha. The opinion no longer prevails that the difficulty

A Prosperous Association, The Railroad Employes' Building and Savings Association held its second annual meeting last evening in the office of W. T. Cannon, secretary of the Union Railway Company, and elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, D. S. Hill, western; vice-president, J. Q. Van Winkle, superintendent of the St. Louis division of the Big Four; secretary, W. T. Cannon, of the Union Railway Company; treasurer, J. E. Peirce, of the Mer-chants' Dispatch; attorney, E. Jacoby, who is with C. W. Fairbanks, solicitor of the Big Four. The report of Secretary Cannon showed that there were nearly 450 stock-holders and that the association had loaned, on first mortgage, \$157,000. The new year begins under very favorable auspices.

will interfere with the consummation of

the presidents' agreement.

The Midland's Injunction Suit.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 7 .- The injunction suit in which the Indiana Midland is plaintiff and the Fort Wayne, Terre Haute & Southwestern is defendant was tried in the Clay Circuit Court to-day. Documentary evidence was introduced by the defendant to show that the old north-and-south grade had been forfeited to its original owners. Reflection was cast by affidavits of former employes or citizens from Anderson, Ladoga, Lebanon and elsewhere along the route on the road-bed, rolling stock and financial condition of the Midland. A disclaimer was then urged of any intention to trespass on then urged of any intention to trespass on the Midland's right of way from Carbon to Brazil. Mr. Crawford objected that the dis-claimer was not specific as to the grade of the old north-and-south road, which, in compliance with the laws of Indiana, had been appropriated by his company as a right of way. Judge McGregor will render his decision Saturday.

Pacific in this territory, vice C. H. Morgan, resigned. His headquarters will be at Chi-

William M. Green, general manager of the Big Four lines, is in the city, and will remain through the day. D. A. Edgar has been appointed Western agent of the Traders' Dispatch, with head-quarters at Chicago, vice G. H. Stanton, re-

The clerical force in the offices of the Big Four at Sandusky has been reduced 33 per cent. since the Big Four took possession of

the C., S. & C. road. H. B. Hammond, president of the Indian-apolis, Decatur & Quincy, who was West last month for a couple of weeks, since his return to New York has been confined to his room by illness.

The December report of the Ohio Southern shows an increase over December, 1889, of \$17,087, the Columbus & Hocking Valley an increase of \$59,681, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois an increase of \$87,215.

The Fort Wayne Division of the Brother-hood of Railroad Trainmen will, on the 9th of February, hold a grand reception and ball. They will make every effort to have the entertainment an interesting one.

The Louisville press has renewed its attacks on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road. Meantime the road is prospering, carrying more passengers and freight than at any time in its history.

The Southern Pacific has contracted for the building of a funeral car, with side entrances and compartments for mourners. While it is to be neither expensive or elegant it will be appropriate in every respect to the service for which it is intended.

In the month of December there were 23,-191 loaded cars handled in the yards of the Vandalia at Terre Haute, 10,939 for the In-dianapolis division, 7,912 for the St. Louis division, 2,655 for the Logansport division and 2,585 for the Terre Haute & Peoria

President Ingalls is quoted as saying that the report that the Big Four would be one of the bidders at the foreclosure sale of the Dayton, Fort Wayne & Chicago road has no foundation. The holdings of the creditors are such that it would be useless for an outside party to bid on the property.

In obedience to an application made by John W. Smith, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Texas Western Railroad Company, Judge Don Pardee has filed an order reappointing S. I. Packard, of Houston, Tex., as receiver, and fixed the receiver's bond at \$25,000.

John L. Moore, ex-general manager of the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland and in five of them the Cleveland, Cincinroad, who proposes to parallel the Big Four from Sandusky to Cincinnati, has succeeded in getting \$21,640 subscribed to the enterprise. As to build the line will cost at least \$2,500,000, he has still quite a sum to raise.

Officials of the Chicago & Northwestern road say that the business of that road is being greatly interfered with in Nebraska and Dakota by the Indian troubles. All business in that territory is practically at a stand-still, and the agents report that nothing can be done in the way of procuring traffic until peace is restored.

The official report of the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan road shows that the tonage of this road shipped from Indianapolis in 1890 was 100 per cent. in excess of that of 1888, and an increase of 50 per cent. on that shown in 1889. General Agent Harter feels quite proud of this record, as the improvement has been brought about largely by his efforts.

While it is settled that Bellefontaine, O., is to be a division point on the Big Four system, it will be several months, says one of the officials, before the change will be a matter of fact. A round-house of a capacity to hold fifteen or twenty engines must first be built, shops in which to do light repair work, and the side-track facilities must be largely increased at that point be largely increased at that point.

Colonel John Lee still clings to the belief that the American Midland road will be extended to Fort Wayne. The Findley & Western, incorporated last week, proposes to build the road to the Indiana State line, and Colonel Lee proposes to incorporate another company to build the road from the Ohio State line to Fort Wayne, the two then to be consolidated under the name of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western road. Nothwithstanding the heavy traffic over Indiana roads in 1890 it was a bad year for the stockholders. The stock of the Big Four on Jan. 1 sold at 8012 cents and at the close of the year at 55 cents on the dollar. Stock of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road dropped from 54¹2 on the first day of 1890 to 17 the last day, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois from 46¹2 to 26¹2; stock of the Wabash from 15 to 8 cents.

Retrenchment is still the policy of the Big Four. On Feb. 1 A. D. McLeod, general freight agent of the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland division of the Big Four, will retire and his duties will be looked after by Ford Wood, assistant general freight agent, and on the same date W. R. Baldwin, general passenger agent of the same road, will resign, and his duties will be looked after by H. M. Bronson, assistant general passenger agent of the Big Four lines,

One of the attorneys in the suit pending before the United States Supreme Court, where the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-pany questions the lease of the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute road to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company, states that the case will not now be reached until early in 1892, and he expresses the opinion that before that time the relations between the two companies will be so changed that the litigation will be dropped.

The officials of the operating department of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg did in the case of the mileage tickets. The association decided to advance rates from the passenger department so far as possible, just now they think it would be unwise to increase the mileage of the line between Indianapolis and Pitteburg by making trains Nos. 4 and 5 through trains to New York. The officials, however, will do so whenever the passenger department shows to them that the change is justified by the business of the lines.

President Breyfogle, of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago, when questioned by a reporter of the Louisville Commercial regarding the trouble which had arisen between him and Harry Crawford, simply said that Mr. Crawford had resigned and his resignation had been accepted. As regards the statement made by Mr. Crawford concerning the financial condition of the Monon, he said that Mr. Crawford was connected with the legal and not the financial department of the road.

A report comes from Mitchell, Ind., that a surveying corps of fifteen men is near Silverville locating a line, over which it is proposed to build a road from Terre Haute to Louisville, passing through coal and stone deposits of Greene and Lawrence counties. The report may have some good basis, as the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, the southern terminal of which is Terre Haute, has for some time past been threatening to build south from that point, and to build to Louisville certainly would be a master stroke.

The officials of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City railway appounces that an greement with the Burlington has been effected whereby trains will within a few days be running over that road into Kan-sas City. The stumbling block in the way of the road's entrance into Kansas City was a short piece of track belonging to the Burlington between Francis-street depot and the Union Depot in St. Joseph. For a consideration of \$10,500 per annum the Chi-cago, St. Paul & Kansas City has secured the right to use this track.

Assistant Chief Engineer Hermann of the Big Four, has completed his survey of a line from Harrison, O., to Richmond, Ind., and has the estimates of cost of the construcion on the last surveyed line ready to submit to the proper officials. He places the cost of building the first eight miles out of Harrison at \$20,000 per mile, and the last six miles before getting into Richmond at the same figure. The line surveyed is thirtynine miles long, and the remaining twenty-five miles he estimates can be built at \$10,-000 per mile, ready to run trains over. Thirty miles of the line located is an air

It was announced that a partial reorganization of the Union Pacific plan of operation has been made by General Manager S. H. H. Clark. Five grand divisions are established. The St. Joseph and Grand Island division is abolished, and its territory added to the Kansas division. Robert Blickensderfer is designated acting general superintendent of the Nebraska division; J. O. Brinkerhoff becomes general superin-tendent of the Kansas division; R. J. Duncan is appointed general superintendent of the gulf division; W. H. Bancroft, superintendent of the Mountain division, and O. E. McNeil general superintendent of the

Pacific division. The big meeting of representatives of Western railroads, at which a new associa-Personal, Local and General Notes.

Thomas G. Winnett has been appointed the roads except the Chicago & Alton will parilla receives is the hearty indersement be represented. Various plans will be sug-

gested, but probably beyond formally organizing and adopting a constitution, rules and regulations, etc., in which the duties of the advisory board and the executive officers will be sharply and clearly defined, probably nothing will be done. It is thought, however, that to accomplish so much will occupy all day, and if completed will be considered a pretty good day's work.

CULLINGS FROM THE COURTS.

Those Indicted by the Last Grand Jury Enter Their Pleas. The prisoners under indictment were ar-

raigned yesterday in the Criminal Court. They entered pleas as follows: Theodore King, petit larceny, guilty; John Barnes, indicted jointly with King for the same of-fense, not guilty: "Liquorice" Gordon, petit larceny, guilty: Charles I. Goine, petit larceny, not guilty: Charles Allen, petit larceny, not guilty: George Brown, petit larceny, guilty: Alfred Roper, not guilty: George Hood, Charles Allen, Logan Beula, burglary and also petit larceny, not

Did Not Destroy All Evidence. Mary Downing, colored, was released on \$1,000 bail yesterday to await grand jury investigation. She is charged with stealing money from a woman for whom she was working on West Michigan street. The purse from which the money was taken, was first thrown into the fire, and its steel frame then thrown into the vault. It was recovered by patrolman Kurtz, who made the arrest.

A Copyright Sustained. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., New York pub lishers, were granted a permanent injunction by Judge Woods in the federal court yesterday, against James E. Sherrill and William P. Hart, of Danville. They are restrained from publishing an edition of "American Poets," on which the New York publishers hold a copyright.

Notes from the Dockets. Peter Masterson, of Chester township, Wells county, was before United States Commissioner Van Buren yesterday charged with having violated the election laws. He was released on \$300 bond. Six struck juries have been called for by

parties in suits on the various Superior and

nati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad is de fendant in suits for damages. In regard to the Governor's right to re fuse Shuck a commission, as Treasurer of Jennings county, the effect of Judge Brown' decision is that the commission ought to be issued, and that Shuck will have ten

days after receiving it to qualify, the qual-

ification consisting not only in giving bond

but in the payment of all the shortages which may be found charged against him.

The Court Record.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS. 14312. Nirst National Bank vs. Oliver Williams. Huntington C. C. Reversed Olds, C. J.-1. If the court made a ruling upon a demurrer, and was afterwards dur ing the progress of the case convinced that such ruling was erroneous, it had the right, of its own motion, to reconsider and reverse its ruling, giving the party against whom such ruling was made an exception. 2. To authorize a conclusion of law that a party is estopped, the facts must be found clearly showing that these elements exist: First, a representation or a concealment of material facts; second, the representation must have been made with knowledge of the facts; third, the party to whom it was made must have been ignorant of the truth of the matter; fourth, it must have been made with the intention that the other party should act upon it; fifth, the other party must have

been induced to act upon it. 15539. Joseph R. Ashmead vs. John L. Reyolds et al. Gibson C. C. Reversed. Coffey, J.—The executed contracts and deeds of a person of unsound mind not under guardianship are not void, but only voidable. Before an action can be maintained to set aside such contracts or deeds they must be disaffirmed. The same rule pre vails as to contracts and deeds procured by fraud. An allegation that the grantee took possession of the land over objection and protest does not amount to an allegation of

14628. Aaron D. Booth vs. Sidner D. Cottingham, Guardian, Hamilton C. C. Reversed. Elliott, J.-1. The statute in regard to an agreed case, R. S., Sec. 558, does not require but one affidavit. 2. The agreement was signed by appellant and appelled through his attorney, and the court acted upon it, and the record does not show that it was repudiated by appellee. Held that the agreement bound appellee. 3. The wife of an insane man is entitled to medical at-

tention, and the physician who renders it upon request of the guardian of the insane husband is entitled to compensation out of the estate held by the guardian.

14386. John B. Schrichter vs. Matilda Stiles's estate. Fayette C. C. Affirmed. Berkshire, J.—Appellant was required by statute to file his claim against an estate within thirty days before final settlement of the estate, and having failed to do so was barred.

15882. Garret H. Shover, Administrator, et al. vs. Dolly Myrick. Marion C. C. Dismissed as to Shover, administrator. 15762. John F. Moore, Executor, vs. Lotta Baker. Hamilton C. C. Dismissed. 15278. David L. Sheeks vs. Wm. Erwin et al. Lawrence C. C. Motion to dismiss overruled and certiorari awarded.

15404. American Cannel Coal Company vs. Joseph P. Clemens, Administrator, et Perry C. C. Motion to dismiss over-SUPERIOR COURT. Room 1-Hon, Napoleon B. Taylor, Judge,

Sample Loftin vs. John E. Sullivan et al.: to subject real estate. On trial by court. Joseph G. McPheeters vs. Lester L. Morton; note. Judgment for plaintiff for \$33. Room 2-Hon. James W. Harper, Judge. William Wallace, Receiver vs. Wm. Land-fare and John Marquis, Judgment for

plaintiff, \$95.25.

Henry Schnull vs. David Grubb; account. Dismissed by plaintiff at plaintiff's cost. Sarah H. Sorrell vs. Talbert Sorrel; divorce. Dismissed by plaintiff at defendant's Indianapolis Lumber Company vs. Nellie

Cook; account. Judgment for plaintiff. McCormick Harvesting Machine Com-pany vs. Silas A. Pollard; account. Judg-ment for plaintiff for \$133.50. Arthur G. Fosdyke vs. Edward J. Savage; appeal dismissed by defendant. Judgment vs. defendant for costs.

Fermin Preston vs. William Ripley; damages. Trial by jury. Room 3-Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge. McCormick Harvesting Company vs. Luns ord Griffith et al.; note. Judgment for \$.69.04. Aaron Plautt et al. vs. Wm. H. Hammons

New Suit Filed. Blue Ridge Marble Company vs. John P. Le Page; notes. Demand, \$825.

Whipped by His Neighbors.

et al.; foreclosure. Receiver appointed.

David Davidson, an employe of the Udell ladder-works, in North Indianapolis, reached his home, night before last, after a visit to the city, in an ugly humor, and aroused the neighborhood by beating his wife. Ten of his neighbors assembled, and, after a hasty discussion, concluded to administer punishment in kind. They took him into a field, a half-mile away, and applied numerous blows with strong hickory switches, cut for that purpose. The casti gation had the double effect of restoring the man to his sober senses and of breaking his spirit. He was not released until he had promised to treat his family better. His condition yesterday compelled him to keep in bed, but his injuries are not serious. The names of the company of men who administered the punishment are not

Commissions in the Legion.

Governor Hovey issued the following commissions yesterday: Stephen A. Bowman, L. Arthur and Amos Zermis, of Waterloo, to be captain, first and second lieutenant, respectively, of Company I, Third Regiment Infantry, Indiana Legion; William Lane and George Jones, first and second lieutenants of Company C, Second Regiment Infantry.

Ask your friends who have taken Hood's Sareaparilla what they think of it, and the

WHAT INDIANA SHOULD DO

Provision for a World's Fair Exhibit by the Board of Agriculture.

A Large Appropriation Recommended for Buildings and Other Needs-Papers of Interest to Farmers-Election of Members.

At the meeting of the delegate State Board of Agriculture, yesterday morning, the time was spent in discussing papers that were read. Before the first speaker was called, however, the question was raised as to what part the State of Indiana should take in the world's fair. It was unanimously agreed that the State should not be behind in the matter of appropriation, and Jasper N. Davidson submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the State Board of Agriculture,
That it is highly important that the State of Indiana should be well represented at said exposition in all its resources, and to that end we recommend to the General Assembly that it speedily
enact a law providing for the appointment of
such State commissioners, and that it make the
necessary appropriations for the carrying out of
the purposes thereof.

Judge Martindale, one of the world's fair commissioners, spoke in favor of the resolu-

tion. He reviewed the advantages Indiana possesses of making a grand display with her building stone, hard woods and plateglass. Other States have made liberal appropriations, he said, Texas being in the lead with \$1,000,000. He mentioned an article in yesterday's edition of the Chicago Herald, in which the Governors of several States were quoted on this same subject. Governor Hill, of New York, urged the Legislature of that State to give as generously as possible. "The State of New York," he said, "with its commanding position in the list of States and its unlimited resources, ought not to be behind any other State in the variety and extent of its representation. I recommend such legislation and liberal action as may be deemed necessary to facilitate a proper exhibition of the State's resources and to enable the State to participate with dignity in the great exposition." Governor Beaver, in his farewe message to the Pennsylvania Legislature, recommended the organization of a commission to supervise the part that that State was to take in the fair, and urged the necessity for a liberal appropriation for a special building. Governor Campbell took practically the same position in regard to the State of Ohio. Judge Martindale thought that Indiana, as a State, had neglected her interests in the past, in that she had not adequately advertised her valuable resources. The world's fair, he thought, would afford a good opportunity for this, and he suggested an appropriation of \$150,000. The resolution, after some discussion, was amended so as to read thus: "The General Assembly speedily enact a law making an appropriation that shall not be less than \$200,000." It was passed, as amended, without a dissenting vote.

Prof. H. W. Wiley, United States Chemist, read a paper on "Culture of the Sugar-beet and the Products of the Manufacture of Beet Sugar in Indiana." He explained in detail the process by which this sugar is produced, and said the soil of northern Indiana is especially fitted for raising the beet. If the farmers of that section will but consent to grow beets, there are plenty of capitalists who will engage in the industry.

President N. F. Stott, of Franklin College, read an interesting paper on "Road Making," in which he gave a brief history of the earliest roads of which any record has been kept. He recommended a sys-tem of parallel roads between two given points-one made of dirt for summer travel and one of macadam for use in the winter. He also urged the necessity of providing for occasional drinking fountains along the line for men and beasts.

At the beginning of the afternoon session the annual election of members of the State board occurred. There were eight vacan-cies to be filled and the election resulted as cies to be filled and the election resulted as follows: Fifth district, A. K. Officer; Sixth, W. W. Hamilton; Seventh, E. H. Peed; Ninth, J. M. Sankey; Tenth, J. N. Davidson; Eleventh, Lloyd Jones; Twelfth, John M. Boggs; Thirteenth, W. A. Mays. The eight members who hold over are as follows: First district, Robert Mitchell; Second, W. W. Berry; Third, J. Q. A. Seig; Fourth, W. B. Seward; Eighth, S. W. Dungan; Fourteenth, J. A. McClung; Fifteenth, W. A. Banks; Sixteenth, R. M. Lockhart. A. Banks; Sixteenth, R. M. Lockhart.

There were but three changes made in the membership. W. W. Hamilton suc-ceeded Richard Jones in the Sixth district, J. M. Sankey took Thomas Nelson's place in the Ninth and W. A. Mays succeeded B. F. Clemans in the Thirteenth.

Amos W. Butler, secretary of the Indiana Amos W. Butler, secretary of the Indiana Academy of Sciences, read a paper on "Our Birds, and What They Do for the Farmer." The paper was read recently before the Indiana Horticultural Society, and Mr. Butler re-read it yesterday by request. He explained the benefits that certain birds bring to the farmer, and pointed out those that do have to crops fruit and gar those that do harm to crops, fruit and gar-den products. He said the present laws of Indiana do not protect the native birds, and no provision is made for scientific research, whereby a study can be made of their habits. At the close of his paper a resolution was passed, asking the Legislature to pass such laws as will protect native Indiana birds and provide for scientific

The last paper of the afternoon was read by Prof. H. H. Houston, State Chemist, his subject being, "The Money Values of Fertilizers." He explained the processes by which several fertilizers are manufactured, and favored powdered bone, without added salts of ammonia. The paper was fully discussed. The board will adjourn this morning.

Stock in the Car-Works Company. It is the wish of the purchasers of the plant of the Indianapolis Car and Manufacturing Company to have considerable stock in the new company taken by capitalists of this city. While as yet a failure to do so is not considered an argument for removing the works to another place, that possibility has been suggested. To encourage the desired subscription to the stock the Board of Trade committee on promotion of manufactures has been asked to take action. Yesterday three of the committee—D. P. Erwin, E. H. Eldridge and W. H. Griffith—met and talked over the purchasers' proposition. It was decided to hold another meeting Friday, when it is expected representatives of the railroads and the purchasers of the works will be present.

Indiana Chess Association. The twelfth meeting of the Indiana Chess association will be held at Hotel English. com tencing Tuesday next. A meeting of the tournament committee and a business meeting of the association will be held in the morning, and play will begin at 2 o'clock p. m. All entrants are expected to be present by that hour, when the players will be divided into two classes-major and freefor-all. The major class will be open to former prize winners, and accredited champions of local chess organizations throughout the State, and to accredited champions of local chess centers where no distinct organizations exist. The rules of play will be submitted by the tournament committee at the Tuesday morning meeting.

Affairs of the Press Club. The officers and directors of the Indianapolis Press Club held their first meeting vesterday and outlined what will practically be the proceedings of to-day's meeting of the club. An important matter considered was that of a home for the organization. This, after exchange of views, was referred to a committee of five. The general meeting of members this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, will take place at the office of the Commercial Club, Board of Trade Building.

Various Occurrences. The officers of George H. Thomas Post and its Woman's Relief Corps were installed Tuesday night, the exercises being very interesting in music, recitations and ad-

The Gordon Post, G. A. R., held a public installation of officers at their new quarters on Virginia avenue, last night. A musical programme and a bean supper were features of the evening.

noon, to the members of the Sunday-school. This tea is to be an annual occurrence hereafter in the social life of the church.

The sixth anniversary of Maj. Robert Anderson Post, G. A. R., will be held at the post's hall, Monday evening next. The committee in charge will be A. D. Miller, J. A. C. F. Myers and R. E. Stephens. The Industrial Saving and Loan Association has elected the following officers for this year: President, Aug. Plank; vice-president, John Lauck; secretary, Peter Ohleyer; treasurer, Geo. F. Borst; directors, Louis Held, Fr. Straub, sr., M. Hoffman, Fr. Straub, jr., and John G. Ohleyer.

MR. MURPHY'S ADVICE.

Total Abstinence Is the Only Sure Course Even for Moderate Drinkers of Liquor.

Francis Murphy called the Roberts Park meeting last night a great success. The floor and galleries were packed, and many persons were standing in the rear. The church choir led in the singing, which was more spirited than on the two previous more spirited than on the two previous evenings. J. C. Shaffer presided and made a ringing address commending the work of gospel temperance as one of wide benefit not only to the city as a whole but to the churches. Short speeches also came from the Rev. R. V. Hunter, Elijah P. Brown, Rev. G. G. Mitchell and others. Mr. Murphy in his remarks called attention to the hold drink gains on one, and uttered the cry of warning, learned from experience. He made a brilliant and forcible argument for total abstinence, though he admitted some may drink, perhaps, without harm to themselves, but not without harm to others. He said the scorn of a moderate drinker at a total abstainer of a moderate drinker at a total abstainer of a moderate drinker at a total abstainer is ungracious to those men who are taking the safe course. It is unlike Christ. Total abstinence is the honorable position with reference to the use of intoxicants. It is every man's plain duty, in the light of the effects with which all are acquainted, to abstain. The moderate drinker can abstain without trouble, and should strive to turn the tide for abstinence and make it popular. About sixty signatures to the pledge were secured.

AMUSEMENTS.

PARK THEATER-"THE PRINCESS OF TREBI-

ZONDE." y the Wilbur Opera Company, at the Park, last night, was side show, menagerie, circus and concert. After the big show was over the concert was given, in which were introduced songs, dances and specialties. If any of the audience that filled every seat and every available inch of standing-room at the Park did not get a bit of every kind of entertainment known to the show business, it was because they did not stay to see the curtain drop on the last act, near midnight. J. H. Jones, as the Fakir was as natural as if he had been persuading gullible people into such shows all his life. Mr. Will H. Kohnle did excellent work as the clown, Tremolino, and Miss Belle Hamilton was pretty and graceful in her part of Regina, a rope-walker. Miss Kirwin, as usual, pleased the audience as Prince Raphael. The march of the Amazons, the singing of Master Le Brun and the specialty of Mr. Fisher were very well received. At both performances to-day "Olivette" will be presented.

Until "A Texas Steer" or "A Trip to Chinatown" has been seen here and displaced "A Midnight Bell," as the favorite of the many good things Mr. Hoyt has produced, the last-named play will continue popular. But "A Midnight Bell" will never cease to please the theater-going pablic.
The play will be given at the Grand this,
to-morrow and Saturday evenings, with a matinee on the last-named day.

Margaret Mather, supported by Otis Skinner and a good company, will begin at the Grand, Monday evening, a three nights' and Wednesday matinee engagement. "Joan of Arc" will be produced, and for it two car-loads of scenery, properties and other special appointments are required.

One of the best attractions of the season is the McCaull Opera Company, which is to come to the Grand the last half of next week in an attractive repertoire. The com-pany numbers over sixty people and carries a large amount of special scenery. Von Suppe's "Clover" will be given Thursday evening and at the Saturday matinee. Millocker's "Black Hussar" Friday even-ing, and "The Seven Suabians," by the same author, Saturday evening.

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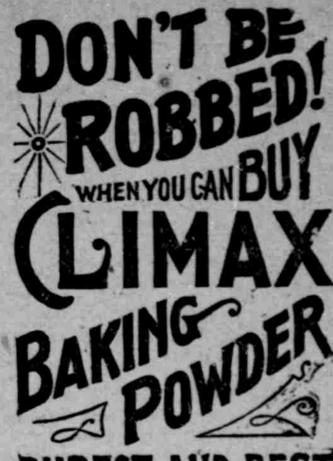
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